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SUBJECT: LABOR DIVISIONS WIDEN

REF: BUENOS AIRES 5134

1. FESTERING DIVISIONS WITHIN LABOR LEADERSHIP DESCRIBED REFTEL WERE EXACERBATED BY EVENTS SURROUNDING REPLACEMENT ARMY CINC LAPLANE WITH GENERAL VIDELA. 62 ORGANIZATIONS AND UOM LEADER LORENZO MIGUEL CONTINUED HIS STRONG SUPPORT FOR MININTERIOR DAMASCO AND URGED PRESIDENT PERON TO NAME I CORP COMMANDER CACE-RES TO REPLACE LAPLANE. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, CGT SECGEN CASILDO HERRERAS CHALLENGED MIGUEL'S CLAIM TO BE REPRESENTING VIEWPOINTS ORGANIZED LABOR. HE ALLEGEDLY REITERATED CGT PUBLIC STAND THAT MATTER WAS INTERNAL ARMY AFFAIR AND THAT LABOR WOULD REMAIN OUTSIDE THE FRAY.

2. LABOR SOURCES, INCLUDING CGT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS, CONFIRMED TO LABATT THAT MIGUEL AND HERRERAS HAD HEATED EXCHANGE DURING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT OVER ISSUE. THEY AFFIRM THAT SPLIT BETWEEN MIGUEL AND HERRERAS HAS REACHED DEGREE WHICH WILL PRECLUDE ANY FUTURE RAPPROCHEMENT. NEVERTHELESS, THEY ADVISE THAT THE SPLIT WILL PROBABLY NOT BE FORMALIZED BY RESTRUCTURING OF EITHER 62 ORGANIZATIONS OR CGT. BASIC REASON FOR THIS, THEY STATE, IS THAT ANY SUCH RESTRUCTURING WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO CONTROL,

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THEREBY THREATENING ALL CURRENT LEADERS. ALSO, TO GREATEST

EXTENT POSSIBLE, DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO WILL BE PUBLICLY
PAPERED OVER.

3. ALTHOUGH FOUR DISTINCT GROUPINGS MENTIONED REFTTEL STILL EXIST,
GROUP OF 8 WITH BA GOVERNOR CALABRO HAVE MOVED CLOSER TO CASILDO
HERRERAS. THEREFORE, MIGUEL'S POSITION HAS BEEN FURTHER WEAKENED
AND HERRERAS' STRENGTHENED BY EVENTS OF PAST WEEK. IN SHORT,
LABOR MOVEMENT AS PREDICTED REFTTEL IS RAPIDLY LOSING THE COHESIVENESS
IT FORGED IN STRUGGLE TO DEPOSE FORMER GOA STRONGMAN LOPEZ REGA.
IT, AS WELL AS THE GOA ITSELF, IS SUFFERING A LEADERSHIP CRISIS.
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